Rs. 528/-per metric tonne to Rs. 578/-per petric tonne with effect from 1/4/1996 subject to adjustments on notification of the final rate of royalty and finalisation of crude oil price in due course.

Optional PRBS scheme of ONGC

1974. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has introduced optional PRBS with effect from 1st April, 1990; if so, how many officers and staff have opted and not opted for the scheme;

(b) whether any actuary report has been obtained before introduction of the aforesaid scheme, if yes, what was the report of actuary and names of actuary;

(c) whether the said PRBS is self-contributory; if so, what is the total financial contribution of ONGC in each year from the 1st April, 1990 to till date besides employees contribution; and

(d) whether Government thinks that the said PRBS scheme will be viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Diesel/Petrol Consumed by Government Vehicles

1975. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of petrol and diesel consumed by Central Government vehicles every year, figures for the years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and so far in 1997 may be given;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to reduce consumption of petrol and diesel;

(c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Special Cut Naphtha Extracted by BPC

1976. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC) extracts special cut naphtha from wide cut (normal naphtha);

(b) whether the above affects production of HSD, a deficit product in the country, if so, the yield loss of HSD per tonne of special cut naphtha produced;

(c) the quantity of special cut naphtha produced and the list of consumers, during the last three years; and

(d) whether shortfall in production in HSD is being made good vis-a-vis import cost and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) BPCL Refinery at Mumbai produces Special Cut Naphtha (SCN) from crude oil. This affects the production of diesel which is reduced of the order of 0.9 MT per Metric Tonne of SCN produced based on the current operating data.

(c) The quantity of SCN produced in BPCL's Mumbai Refinery during the last 3 years is as under:-

(Figures in TMT)

year	Quantity
1994-95	228.3
1995-96	219.4
1996-97	312.0

The consumers for SCN are M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. Patalganga for producing value added petrochemicals.

(d) The shortfall in HSD production is met by imports.

Criteria for Allocating Permanent Gas Connections

1977. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for allocating permanent gas connection to the consumers in India; and

(b) the details thereof and whether it is a fact that some of the consumers have not got gas connection for last seven years since they have applied for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) As per the extant policy, the procedure followed for release of new LPG connections by the Public Sector Oil Companies is as under:

The customer has to register at the distributorship after producting proof of residense and obtain the waitlist registration slip showing the waitlist registration number. On maturity of the waiting list, distributor will advise the person for availing the new domestic connection. After varifying the requisity documents, the distributor arranges for the inspection of hot plate and also verification of the residential address. On verification of the above details, the distributor issues a subscription voucher on collection of the security deposit and other recoverable amount from the customer for releasing the connections. Thereafter the connection is installed at the customers premises.

A person can also get new LPG domestic connection immediately under Tatkal Scheme on payment of one time lumpsum non-refundable amount of Rs. 4000/- in addition to normal security deposity.

As on 1.4.97, some distributors of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies were holding waitinglist for more than 7 years old. However, as per the directions of the Government in April, 1997, the Oil Companies would be clearing the waitlist of prior to 1.1.91 by 30.9.97.

Diversion of Kerosene for Adulteration of Diesel

1978. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Government's estimate one third of kerosene supplies have been diverted to adulteration of diesel, due to the vast difference in the sale price of Kerosence and diesel; and

(b) whether, with the proposed hike in the prices of all petroleum products except kerosene, this gap is likelty to further widen, if so, what steps are contemplated to effectively prevent such diversion of kerosene and its use for adulteration of diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A study made, about three